

4. Remarks

The Examiner's careful review of the application is noted and appreciated. The corrections request by the Examiner to the specification and the drawings are made herein. With respect to the abstract, the Examiner's added language has been added, along with another slight modification to make the first sentence a complete sentence.

a. The §112 Rejections

Claims 2 and 7 are amended to overcome the §112 rejections. Specifically, the amendment to claim 2 now clarifies that the "first sidewall" is being referenced. Claim 7 is amended along with claim 6 to clarify that there is a radial distance P from the axis to each of the plural planar surfaces, and that each distance is represented by R, wherein $R_0 < R_1 < R_2 \dots < R_N$. Accordingly, it is now clear that each R is being positively claimed.

b. The §102 Rejections

Claims 10 – 12 are rejected as anticipated by Morris. Independent claim 10 is amended to specify that the distance from the axis to at least one of the plural planar surfaces is different from the distance from the axis to at least one other of the plural planar surfaces. This amendment distinguishes Morris because Morris describes a hex nut 34, which has plural planar surfaces but in which the distance from the axial center of the body to all of the planar surfaces of the hex nut is the same.

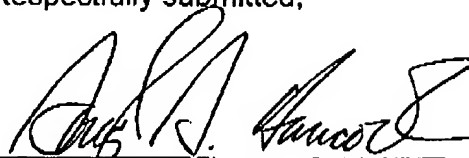
This amendment puts claim 10 in condition for allowance, and claims 11 through 14 are thus allowable based on dependency, and for the limitations they add (as noted by the Examiner).

Claims 15 through 20 are canceled.

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In view of the foregoing amendments, the application is in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

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